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DOYLE & 'CONTINENTAL EXPRESS' ANNOUNCE JUNIOR FLYERS PROGRAM AT GRIA

Education Program Designed to Reach Children with Aviation Interest

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle and Continental Express Airlines today announced a new education program designed for youth interested in aviation and related fields. The Continental Express Junior Flyers Program will be geared toward children in grades 3-12 and will also offer scholarship dollars for those continuing on toward higher education levels.

"Continental Express and the county airport are entering into a unique partnership that will offer local children educational opportunities, while instilling confidence in our airport and air travel in general," said Doyle. "I am proud that Monroe County can join this worthwhile partnership."

The Junior Flyers initiative will host a monthly program for local schools and other educational and youth organizations. These programs will offer aviation history, airport facility tours, an overview of airline security, check-in and baggage procedures, Continental Express aircraft tours and one-on-one sessions with pilots, flight attendants and agents.

Students continuing on to higher education, within an aviation field, will be eligible for scholarships through Continental Express and other local business partners.

In addition to Monroe County and Continental Express Airlines, other local air carriers and the BOCES travel and tourism class are assisting in organizing and implementing this program.

For more information, local teachers, scout leaders and students can contact Jill Morgan at the Continental Express Junior Flyers Program (585) 235-1794.

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